REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-119 remain in this application. Claims 1, 35 and 69 are currently amended. In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-119 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The Examiner has identified in claims 1, 35 and 69, specific language to be brought into compliance with Office practice. Applicants submit that as-amended, the claims comply with Office practice.

Further, the Examiner has indicated that the term "polycyanates" is confusing. Applicants submit that the term is defined in the specification and thus, the meaning would be clear to one having ordinary skill in the art. See page 4, lines 23-29 of the specification.

Moreover, the Examiner has provisionally rejected claims 1-18, 21-52, 55-84 and 87-119 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-103 of copending Application No. 09/695,325. A terminal disclaimer is concurrently filed with the Amendment to overcome this provisional rejection.

Applicants submit that claims 1-119 of this patent case are in condition for allowance, and thus request reconsideration of the claims.

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